CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) Nutrition Programme under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme provides for an integrated package of early childhood services. These services are calculated to have a synergistic effect and as such, successes are not amenable to quantification in terms of a single factor|service, like nutrition.

2. The integrated package of services comprises of :

(i) supplementary nutrition;	For children upto the age of 6 years, pregnant women and nursing mothers
(ii) immunization;	
(iii) health check-upt	
(iv) referral services;	
(v) health & nutrition education; and	
(vi) non-formal pre-school education (for chil-dren	3—6 years)

3. All the expenditure on these services' except that on supplementary nutrition, is borne by the Government of India. Expenditure on supplementary nutrition, except to the extent gift food from CARE|WFP or assistance under the Centrally-sponsored Wheat-based Nutrition Programme is available, is met from States' own funds. As such, the question of allotment, by the Government of India, of funds to states for supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme and utilization of such allotment does not arise. While, information is not readily available above the amount spent by different States during the period 1980—85 on Supplementary Nutrition component in the ICDS project areas, according to the monthly progress reports for the period ending 31-3-1985, the number of beneficiaries of Supplemenary Nutrition in the ICDS Scheme was 69.56 lakhs. The number of beneficiaries has gone up from then to 95.80 lakhs by March, 1987.

4. The studies made by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other Medical Colleges show that, in the ICDS project areas, there have been remarkable improvements in child development indicators like reduction in the prevalence of mal-nutrition, mortality on account of severe mal-nutrition and infant mortality rate. Mal-nutrition among pre-school children decreased from 19.1 per cent in 1976 to 7.8 per cent in ICDS areas in 1983. Mortality on account of severe mal-nutrition reduced from 15 per cent in non-ICDS areas to 3 per cent in ICDS areas. Infant mortality rate in ICDS project areas in 1982-83 was 88 compared with the then national estimate of 105.

5. The ICDS scheme is being monitored constantly to determine factors, if any, responsible for its slow progress and to take remedial measures.

Permission to British Institutes to conduct Examinations in India

478. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of British Institutes/Universites allowed to conduct their examinations in India or award diplomas/degrees to Indian students through examinations conducted by their associate institutions/companies in India; and

(b) whether the National Centre of Information Technology of UK has been allowed to award its diploma in computers to the Indian students through examination to be conducted in India by the Apple Leasing and Industries, and if so, what are the safeguards made to ensure that syllabus and tests are up to certain desirable standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Individual candidates desirous of taking GCE examination conducted by the Cambridge University; University of London etc., are being granted permission by the Department of Education to appear

in these examinations in India. In addition, idividual cadidates have been allowed to appear in examinations conducted by some British professional bodies, like Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Institute of Export, Communications Advertising and Marketing Foundation, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Institute of Fire Engineers, etc.

(b) No, Sir.

Offer by Foreign Institutes to Indian Students

479. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign institutes/associations advertise in India offering their diplomas/degrees to the Indian students, and if so, what are the measures adopted/proposed to be adopted to ensure that Indian students are not cheated by non-genuine foreign persons/institutions; and

(b) whether the National Centre of Information Technology of UK has been allowed by the Indian Government to award diplomas in computers as has been recently widely advertised by their Indian collaborators, Apple Leasing, and if so, what are the terms and conditions attached to such permission, and if not, what action is proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per information available, Apple Leasing and Industries Ltd. has advertised the training programme leading to NCC (UK) diploma in Computer Studies. No permission has been sought from the Ministry of Human Resource Development by National Centre of Inforation Technology of UK to award diplomas in Computer. Specific approval of Government is not required for advertisements issued by any party. However, if any misleading statement is made, appropriate steps can be initiated against the party.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की रूट गाइड

480. **श्री दिनकरराव गोविन्दराव पाटिल :** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री 23 अप्रैल, 1986 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 122 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की संशोधित बस रूट गाइड के प्रकाशन के संबंध में गत 15 माह में क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) यह रूट गाइड प्रकाशित होने के बाद उपभोक्ताओं को कब तक उपलब्ध हो जाएगी ;

(ग) क्या इस प्रस्तावित रूट गाइड का मूल्य अब निर्धारित कर लिया गया है, यदि हां, तो वह कितना है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या इस रूट गाइड में एक परिशिष्ट जोड़कर रूट गाइड प्रेस में भेजे जाने की तारीख से उसके प्रकाशित किये जाने की तारीख तक की अवधि के दौरान बसों के रूट में किये गये परिवर्तनों/परिवर्धनों की बाबत जानकारी को भी गाइड में सम्मिलित किया जायेगा, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (घ) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा एक नई रूट गाइड का मुद्रण कार्य किया जा रहा है। रूटों में किये गये सभी परिवर्तन और जनवरी, 1986 में प्रकाशित सप्लीमेंटरी गाइड, जो अब तक लगभग बिक चुकी है, के बाद शुरू किये गए सभी नये रूट इस रूट-गाइड में शामिल किये जायेंगे। इसका मुद्रण हो जाने के बाद इसका मूल्य निश्चित किया जायेगा ।